

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 4-12 and 14-16 are all the claims pending in the application.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)**

Claims 1, 4-12 and 14-16 stand rejected under § 102(a) as being anticipated by Nunokawa et al. (US 7,008,125 cited as English translation of WO 02/053389, published 7/11/2002).

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, reading out a correction amount from a storage element, said correction amount being for correcting a target carry amount and being set in a step-by-step fashion in accordance with a remaining amount of a recording medium, said storage element being provided in or on said recording medium.

In the rejection, the Examiner appears to contend that Nunokawa's information on the remaining quantity of paper stored in RAM 53 corresponds to the recited correction amount. However, Applicants that because this information is not for correcting a target carry amount being set in a step-by-step fashion in accordance with a remaining amount of a recording medium, Nunokawa fails to disclose all the features recited in claim 1.

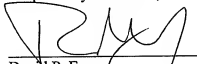
Thus, Applicant submits claim 1 is allowable for at least this reason. Additionally, Applicant submits that because claims 8-12 a feature similar to the feature discussed above, these claims are allowable for the same reasons set forth above. Finally, Applicant submits claims 4-7 and 14-16 are allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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